

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

FIGS. 15A to 15C show an example of a guide screen appearing on the displaying portion 23 at the time of temporarily separating the dialysis catheter 7 by an aseptic separating/joining apparatus. When the touch key "ALTER" on the screen 503 in FIG. 8 is depressed, the screen 503 is changed to a screen 555 in FIG. 15A (~~step S1~~). On the screen 555, an image indicating whether or not a "temporary stoppage (temporary separation) mode is selected is displayed. If it is intended to perform the temporary stoppage, a touch key "YES" may be depressed, and in this case, the screen is changed to a screen shown in FIG. 15B (~~step S2~~), on which a procedure of aseptically separating the dialysis catheter (catheter tube) (see FIGS. 2 and 6) implanted in the peritoneal cavity from the peritoneal dialysis fluid circuit is displayed together with the corresponding voice guide (~~step S3~~). Thus, the operation of one exemplary means for selecting a temporary separation mode is described. If the dialysis catheter has been separated in accordance with the procedure, the screen is changed to a screen shown in FIG. 15C, on which a message "The aseptic separation (cutting) has been ended" is displayed together with the corresponding voice guide, and at this time, by depressing a touch key "CHECKING", a message "During temporary separation mode" is displayed together with messages "Residual staying time" and "Present time" (~~step S4~~). The messages "Residual staying time", "Present time", and "During temporary separation mode" can be checked on the screen 1023 of the portable terminal 1000. When the residual staying time exceeds a specific time (min), an alarm is generated in the form of a buzzer, voice sound, or the like. A program for the temporary separation mode may be stored in the storage medium 170a such as a flexible disk or a CD-ROM and read out by the storage medium reading portion 170, or may be previously stored in the storing unit 152.